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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCPP

SUBJECT: OCB Assistants Meeting, 28 September 1953

1. Meeting in [] office at 1000 hours. Lasted two hours.
Present: [] Godel, []

2. Agenda will be written up and passed out this afternoon. At present, [] has announced agenda as follows:

- a. Housekeeping
- b. Jackson Report
- c. POWs

3. Housekeeping: This has three parts to it.

a. Budget: A draft budget will be ready later today.

b. Financing OCB in Fiscal 1955: (see attached draft). Godel says Defense will budget for it in open budget. He says CIA had objected to this procedure for PSB, but he hopes we will not renew our objections now. [] says there is nothing in writing saying that such budgeting would be hidden. Godel insisted he wanted CIA to agree that it is all right for Defense to proceed as above. [] asks that we call him and advise him of our position on this point. With reference to the attached paper, please note that Godel's position caused [] to insert the following sentence in the last paragraph: "It is understood Defense will include a special item for OCB support in its appropriation request." Later in the discussion, Godel offered a suggestion to CIA with reference to the first paragraph on page two (redlined). The suggestion was that CIA assume the entire support of OCB, since Defense fights for our appropriation anyway—why should Defense have to engage in two fights, including the fight for its share of the OCB budget.

c. T/O: I attach the proposed organization chart handed us at the meeting. It will be changed. [] says another one was already "in the mill" when this one was handed out to us. C.D. is expected to phone in some suggested changes today, which will be incorporated in still another draft along with

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changes we made today. [] will notify us of changes proposed by C.D. Briefly, you will note that in box at extreme right, "Planning Staff" has been changed to "Special Staff". This at the request of FQA and State. In the extreme left hand box "Secretariat", the chief has been changed to a GS-16 and the six staff officers have been made into 3 at GS-15 and three at GS-14 instead of all six at GS-14. The names written in the various boxes are names on which [] wants suggestions from CPP (who knew these people when he was over there) by tomorrow morning.

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4. Jackson Report: [] of DCI office informs me he will receive a memo from you for the DCI briefing on the Agency position on this matter. With reference to the Private Enterprise Cooperation Group - Number 29 in the Report, C.D. will mention it specially because "they want a little top-side support."

5. POW's: Godel announced that he had a call from Col. Schumann this morning and "Garry is still fighting the problem." It was announced that C.D. may call Ambassador Lodge to the Board meeting to discuss the problem and how best to handle it in the UN. [] asks that he be notified if anyone has any objections to this procedure. Godel says Lodge wants "all eight guys presented to the UN." He feels the Board meeting will convince Lodge that this is wrong. As I was writing this, [] called to say he is phoning [] to tell him we want the paper [] has written on this subject on the agenda for the Wednesday meeting.

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6. Other Business: Re the "Prestige" paper, State will probably ask to have paragraph 8e on page seven "Seek to..." deleted. Godel announced that was all right with Defense. [] will call us if it becomes definite that State will so ask.

7. Invitees: Stroibert of USIA will be asked to sit in on the Jackson Report discussions since USIA has an important role in it.

8. D-23: Thailand: Meeting today at 1400 at OCB being attended by [] for us. Panel will draft a paper to be presented to the Board, but all agree it will not be ready for this week's meeting.

9. VFC: At the next Assistants' meeting, [] would like opinions presented on what the Assistants would like to see done about it—including staff support.

10. Merger of D-40 and D-45: The working group is meeting today. [] would like to ask the members of the group what new instructions they want in the way of new terms of reference, in view of the changes in OCB. He said that [] seems to feel the only function of the group is to write a new paper not to engage in implementation. [] points out that the old PSB papers stay in force till new ones are written by OCB. Godel said Commander Madison had the same misapprehension originally. [] feels the group is supposed to both implement the old paper and write a new paper. [] said you would take this up with []

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11. Additional Discussions: As the meeting closed, Godel stated he feels the Board members have a moral duty to hire PSB people who will be let go in the changeover. He announced that C.D. will bring this point up.

12. As I finish this paper, I have just received formal copies of the agenda. I attach copy for your convenience.

13. Also just received copies of "Financing OCB in Fiscal 1955." You will note that the sentence suggested by Godel has been added in the last paragraph (redlined).



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Enclosures:

Agenda

Draft of Financing OCB FY'55

Memo re Financing OCB in FY'55 dtd 28 Sept 53

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